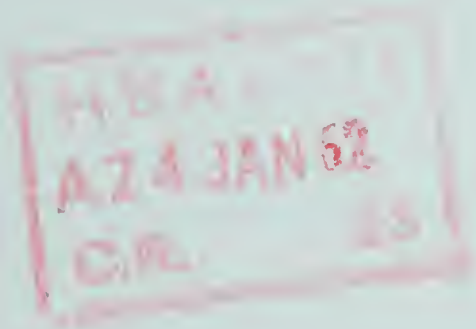


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AND THE  
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR  
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H. M. DAVIES,  
M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :  
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :  
DAWLISH U.D.C.  
NEWTON ABBOT R.D.C.  
NEWTON ABBOT U.D.C.  
TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND  
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

COUNCIL OFFICES.

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Madam Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my report for the year ended 31st. December, 1960, together with the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Vital Statistics, relating to the Birth and Death rates show little difference from those applicable to the whole of England and Wales and therefore call for no comment.

Once again no deaths have occurred during the year from Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis or Whooping Cough. There is no doubt that we are now in a position to eradicate these diseases if only parents will see that their children are given the necessary immunisation and vaccination as and when these are recommended.

Tuberculosis is another disease which can be eliminated within the next few years provided that the problem is dealt with energetically. In recent years early diagnosis has been facilitated by simple skin tests and by the extension of the use of X-rays, particularly by the Mass Radiography Service. Protective vaccination is now available to all susceptible school children at the age of 12 - 13 years. In special cases this protection is given at an earlier age.

Treatment of Tuberculosis has, during the past 10 to 15 years, been improved out of all recognition and an early case diagnosed by the modern simple methods has every chance of a rapid and complete cure. At the present time most of the new cases notified are middle aged or elderly persons, and there is no doubt that it is in this group that the main reservoir of infection remains. I do stress, therefore, the need for using all the diagnostic measures available - skin tests in the young and X-rays, given by the Mass Radiography Service, for ALL the others, including Grandpapa and Grandmama.





During 1960 official action had to be taken, under the National Assistance Acts, to remove one elderly person, who was not receiving the care and attention she required, to Hospital.

I should like, once again, to thank the Chairman, Councillors, and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. J. Adams'.

Medical Officer of Health



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres) .....	4,153
Population Mid 1960 .....	17,470
Population 1951 Census .....	16,393
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1960 .....	£291,346
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1960 .....	£296,143
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1960 .....	£ 1,174

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	123	95	218
Illegitimate	3	4	7
	<u>126</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>225</u>
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			12.88
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			13.14
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			13.70
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			15.48
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			17.1

#### Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	—	2	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Still Birth rate per 1000 total population			0.11
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			8.81
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon			19.04
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			19.8





## DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.27 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths was 70.48 years and for female deaths 76.59 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	135	113	248
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			14.20
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			10.37
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.67
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			11.44
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			11.5

## Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			8.89
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			18.43
Corresponding rate England and Wales			21.9

## Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under Four weeks) per 1000 related live births			8.89
Neo-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon			14.28
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			15.6



### Peri-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under One week)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One week)  
per 1000 related live births 8.89

Peri-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon 31.96

Corresponding rate England and Wales 32.9

### Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1960. Five maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

#### AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under One week	1	1
Infants under Four weeks	-	-
Infants under One year	-	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	1	1
25 - 44	1	2
45 - 64	37	9
65 - 74	41	24
75 and over	54	76
	<u>135</u>	<u>113</u>

Total: 248

#### CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	135	113
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Syphilitic disease	1	-
carried forward	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>





CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	5	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	-
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	19	20
Coronary disease, angina	25	12
Hypertension with heart disease	6	5
Other heart disease	24	29
Other circulatory disease	10	5
Pneumonia	3	3
Bronchitis	7	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	14
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-
All other accidents	2	3
Suicide	1	3
	<u>135</u>	<u>113</u>

Total: 248

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Whooping Cough	-	3	3
Measles	5	3	8
Dysentery	1	-	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	1	1
Pneumonia	3	1	4
Erysipelas	1	1	2
Para-typhoid fever (not confirmed by the Laboratory) -	1	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>

Total: 20



## TUBERCULOSIS

Nine cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in Newton Abbot during 1960. No cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. Details of the pulmonary cases are set out in the following table:-

<u>AGE PERIODS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Under five years	-	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	-	-
25 - 44	1	-
45 - 64	3	-
65 and over	3	2
	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>

Total: 9

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 was necessary in one case during 1960.





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STAFF:

Chief Public Health Inspector

C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector

J.A.McPherson, F.A.P.H.I. to April, 1960.

F.J.Webb from July, 1960.

Clerk

G.J.Ingram to March, 1960.

R.T.Mutton from April, 1960.



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Madam Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1960.

The year under review proved to be exceedingly difficult owing to staff changes coinciding with the move of my department from the Town Hall to 13, Union Street. Both Mr McPherson the Additional Public Health Inspector and Mr Ingram, Clerk obtained other appointments with the result that for about 3 months I was without an assistant and for a few weeks I was also without a clerk. This combination of circumstances resulted in much work remaining undone.

Work in connection with Improvement Grants continued to increase particularly on account of the introduction of standard grants, work in connection with 27 dwellings being approved under this heading in addition to 10 applications for discretionary grant.

The number of animals dealt with at the abattoir increased by more than 10% over the 1959 figures to reach a new peak of over 40,000 animals. Every animal was inspected with a consequent increase in the amount of time necessary to spend on this work.

Details of work carried out are as follows:-

DRAINAGE:

Number of premises visited	32
Number of tests applied	82
Number of visits made	178

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on register.	Inspections.	No. of written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	15	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	32	7	2	-





# FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd)

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on Register.	Inspection.	No. of written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
iii. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	13	7	-	-

2. <u>Cases in which defects were found.</u>	Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prosecution.
No. of cases in which defects were found:-					
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) insuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	1	1	-	8	-

## FOOD INSPECTION.

### Meat Inspection

Details of animals slaughtered and the results of inspection are shown in the following tables:-

	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Bullocks	2,919	3,347	3,680	4,191	4,207	4,409
Calves	9,053	10,737	7,109	6,370	6,260	9,462
Sheep	10,746	10,931	10,123	13,598	19,356	19,087
Pigs	7,234	6,066	5,836	6,863	6,578	7,287
	29,952	31,081	26,748	31,022	36,401	40,245



FOOD INSPECTION (cont'd)

	CATTLE	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
No. KILLED	3,254	1,155	9,462	19,087	7,287
No. Inspected	3,254	1,155	9,462	19,087	7,287
All diseases other than Tuberculosis					
(i) Whole carcasses condemned.	5	7	30	296	10
(ii) carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	371	286	60	913	378
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis.					
	11.56%	25.37%	0.96%	6.33%	5.32%
Tuberculosis only					
(i) Whole carcasses condemned.	-	2	1	-	1
(ii) Carcasses of which some organ or part was condemned.	71	67	1	-	94
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis.					
	4.92%	17%	0.16%	NIL	1.61%
No. of cases of C. Bovis.					
	10				





## FOOD INSPECTION (cont'd)

Unsound Food: During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

- 14 Bovine carcasses and offals
- 31 Calf carcasses and offals
- 296 Sheep carcasses and offals
- 11 Pig carcasses and offals
- 71 Bovine heads
- 105 Pig heads
- 2321 Organs and Parts
- 1345 Lbs of Beef
- 145 Lbs of Mutton
- 243 Lbs of Pork
- 4 Shoulders of ham
- 10 lbs of Frozen Lambs Tongue
- 859 Tins of Fruit
- 52 Tins of Fish
- 2 Tins of Crabmeat
- 246 Tins of Meat/Meat Products
- 51 Lbs of Veal
- 66 Tins of Milk
- 4 Tins of Meat Paste
- 25 Tins of Beans
- 49 Tins of Peas
- 9 Jars of Jam
- 28 Jars of Onions
- 13 Lbs of Sausages
- 38 Packets of Breakfast flakes
- 62 Tins of Tomatoes
- 38 Tins of Soup
- 5 Tins of Carrots
- 1 Jar of Honey
- 3 Tins of Cream
- 50 Tins of Vegetables
- 1 Bottle of Salad Cream
- 2 Chickens
- 1 Tin of Broth
- 19 Jars of Preserve
- 1 Tin of Macaroni
- 9 Bottles of Lemon Juice
- 2 Packets of Cheese
- 3 Boxes of Kippers
- 34 Tins of Creamed Rice
- 1 Bottle of Sauce
- 4 Jars of Red Currants

### General.

810 visits were made during the year to the Public Abattoir for meat inspection,

252 visits were made during the year to other food premises,

22 Informal Notices were served during the year under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

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## HOUSING:

- |   |         |
|---|---------|
| (i) Number of Council houses constructed  | 9 Flats |
| (ii) Number of private houses constructed | 137     |

## Public Health & Housing Acts.

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| (i) Number of houses inspected for defects | 62  |
| (ii) Number of inspections made            | 204 |
| (iii) Number of Informal Notices Served    | 14  |
| (iv) Number of statutory notices served:-  |     |
| (a) Under Section 9, Housing Act 1957.     | 5   |
| (b) Under Section 17, Housing Act 1957.    | NIL |
| (c) Under Public Health Act, 1936          | NIL |
| (v) Number of dwellings rendered fit       | 13  |

## Housing and House Purchase Act 1959.

- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| No. of properties applying for Improvement Grant | 37  |
| No. of visits paid                               | 125 |

## RODENT CONTROL:-

One treatment of the sewerage system of the town was carried out approximately 57 manholes being baited and poisoned, one treatment was postponed because of staff shortage.

A member of the manual labour staff was employed part time on rodent control work 64 premises being treated 192 visits being made.

## STAFF.

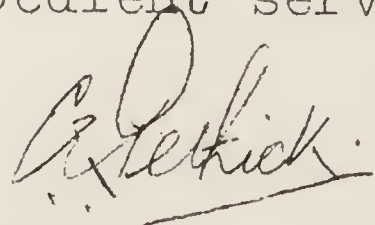
Mr McPherson, Additional Public Health Inspector took up another appointment in April 1960 and was replaced in July 1960 by Mr F.J. Webb.

Also Mr Ingram, Clerk took another appointment in March, 1960 and was replaced in April, 1960 by Mr R.T. Mutton.

To each of these officers of the Council I wish to record my thanks for the able manner in which the various duties have been carried out.

I would also like to record my thanks to colleagues for their co-operation during the year and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their consideration and support.

I am,  
Your obedient servant,



Chief Public Health Inspector.









